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20 METADATA FROM ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS USING SPATIAL RULES

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL/AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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In support of amended claims being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination after the Final Office Action dated OCTOBER 6, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following Amendments and consider the Remarks made below. No new subject matter has been added, and **all amendments and remarks**

35 **herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this communication.